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FRANCE SENDING TANKS TO LIBYA, SAUDI ARABIA

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(EXCERPT) WE NOTE THAT AT THE SAME TIME AS FRANCE IS PLACING HERSELF AT THE DISPOSAL, AS WE SAID BEFORE, OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY, TWO FREIGHTERS LEFT MARSEILLES LAST NIGHT WITH RMX'S (TANKS--FBIS), SAILING FOR LIBYA AND SAUDI ARABIA. WHILE IT IS A FACT THAT THESE TWO COUNTRIES ARE NOT YET FULLY COMMITTED TO THE WAR, IT IS ALSO A FACT THAT FRANCE IS NOT SO STUBBORN ON THIS POINT AS OUR BRITISH NEIGHBORS: LONDON HAS ORDERED A TOTAL EMBARGO ON ARMS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST.

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